

**Amendments to the Claims:**

A full listing of the claims is as follows:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (New) A high strength polyethylene multifilament, wherein said multifilament has a stress Raman shift factor of not smaller than  $-5.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}/(\text{cN/dTex})$ .

11. (New) A high strength polyethylene multifilament, wherein said multifilament has a ratio of the crystal sizes derived from the (200) and (020) diffractions of an orthorhombic crystal of from 0.8 inclusive to 1.2 inclusive.

12. (New) A high strength polyethylene multifilament, wherein said multifilament has a crystal size of monoclinic crystal of not larger than 9 nm.

13. (New) The high strength polyethylene multifilament according to claim 10, wherein said multifilament has an average strength of not lower than 20 cN/dTex.

14. (New) The high strength polyethylene multifilament according to claim 10, wherein a knot strength retention of monofilaments constituting the high strength multifilament is not lower than 40%.

15. (New) The high strength polyethylene multifilament according to claim 10, wherein CV which indicates a variation in the strengths of monofilaments constituting the high strength multifilament is not higher than 25%.

16. (New) The high strength polyethylene multifilament according to claim 10, wherein said multifilament has an elongation at break of from 2.5% inclusive to 6.0% inclusive.

17. (New) The high strength polyethylene multifilament according to claim 10, wherein each of filaments constituting the multifilament has a fineness of not higher than 10 dTex.

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18. (New) The high strength polyethylene multifilament according to claim 10, wherein the melting point of filaments is not lower than 145°C.